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WE'RE NOW IN MORE TROUBLE THAN EVER

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DREW PEARSON: "Bangkok: "It isn't being advertised, but the snafu at Laos is almost as bad a defeat for CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE as the fiasco in Cuba. Kennedy is very sore about it. He's been trapped by misleading reports into sending troops to Southeast Asia, which President Eisenhower very carefully avoided during eight years of crisis in that very same area. Kennedy sent them on the basis of reports that the Pathet Lao pre-communists had staged a big attack on royalists. Later he found out this was faked by the royalists, and there had been no attack at all. Kennedy is really sore at the royalists General Phoumi Neousavan, who is the man the CIA hand-picked to get us out of trouble in Laos, but has now got us into worse trouble than ever."